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In re Application of

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For: SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SMELTING FURNACE

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice mailed August 5, 2009, asserting that claim 14 does not have the proper status identifier.

If this had been a Chapter I case, the original claims for the purpose of examination and amendment would have been the claims of the International application as originally filed, i.e. claims 1-14, and the appropriate status identifier for claim 14 in the preliminary amendment would have been original or currently amended. However, this is a Chapter II case, and the original claims for the purpose of the examination and amendment are the amended claims of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The amended claims, which were included with the submission filed on July 5, 2006, are numbered as claims 1-13, and consequently claim 14 is a new claim. For this reason, applicant submits that the status identifier of claim 14 (new) is correct.

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Respectfully submitted,

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